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Sri Kamakumar Nandi Maharaj's murder in Belagavi

Jains in Mysuru protest

Mysuru, July 12 (PM&BS)- Condemning the ghastly murder of Jain Monk Sri Kamakumar Nandi Maharaj of Nandi Parvat Ashram in Belagavi district recently, various Jain organisations took out a silent rally in the city this morning.

Members of Sri Digambar Jain Samaj, Sri Shwetambar Jain Samaj, Shree Jain Terapanth Yuvak Mandal, Sthanakavasi, Mandir Margi and several other organisations staged a silent protest at Gandhi Square in city, before taking out a march from the premises of Adishwar Vatika Apartment on Male Mahadeshwara Road (Mysuru-T. Narasipura Road), by holding placards till the new Deputy Commissioner's Office in Siddarthanagar.

Acharya Tirth Bhadra Chunchi Maharaj and 108 Sri Pragalbh Muni Maharaj led the silent march. A memorandum addressed to Home Minister Dr. G. Parameshwara was submitted to Additional Deputy Commissioner Dr. Kavita Rajaram.

President of Sri Digambar Jain Samaj Mysuru Sunil Kumar said, "A detailed investigation should be conducted into the murder of Sri Kamakumar Nandi Maharaj and the accused must get rigorous punishment. Such incidents should not recur in the State as Jain community is involved in preaching non-violence to the world. The death of Sri Kamakumar Nandi Maharaj is a great loss to the community and the murder cannot be treated lightly. We have lost a precious jewel of the community as the Seer was also involved in philanthropic activities."

Sri Digambar Jain Samaj Vice-President B. Bharat Raj, Secretary P.S. Lakshmeesh Raju and Treasurer T. Jalendra Kumar, President of Teertha Kshetra Committee Karnataka Vinod Bakliwal, President of Dakshina Kannada Mattu Karavali Zilla Sanghagala Okkoota Gracian Rodrigues and Secretary Narayan Hegde, President of Bharatiya Jain Milan, Zone-8 Yuvaraj Bhandary and Secretary Ratnaraj took part in rally.

Jain community members staging a dharna at Gandhi Square in city this morning. *[See also page 5]*

Protest in Bengaluru against recent spate of murders

BJP petitions Governor, demands CBI probe into Jain Monk's killing

Bengaluru, July 12 (BS)- The main Opposition party BJP has upped its ante demanding Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) probe into the murder of Jain Seer Sri Kamakumar Nandi Maharaj of Nandi Parvat Ashram at Hirekodi in Chikkodi taluk, in Belagavi district recently.

A section of BJP Legislators staged a protest under the leadership of former Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, in front of Mahatma Gandhi statue in the premises of Vidhana Soudha, the seat of State Legislature here this morning.

They later took out a protest rally to Raj Bhavan where they lodged a complaint with the Governor, against the State Government alleging failure to maintain law and order situation in the State.

Speaking to media persons outside Raj Bhavan, Bommai said: "Two months since Congress Government came to power, a jungle raj has been created in the State. There is no security to common man and women. Even our workers are threatened. The anti-social elements are thriving, with the recent instance of a double-murder where the accused posts about the incident on a social networking site."

(See BJP on page 7)

Rain fury in North India

Tourists from Mysuru safe

Mysuru, July 12 (RK&KS)- Amidst the relentless onslaught of monsoon rains and a powerful western disturbance wreaking havoc in North India, a group of Mysureans, including a newly wed couple, who embarked on a packaged tour to the affected region, have been confirmed as safe.

District Disaster Management Officer Sudheer told *Star of Mysore* this morning that all the Mysuru tourists in North India are accounted for.

The fury of the monsoon and the accompanying weather system unleashed destruction, with landslides, flooding and swelling rivers like Beas and Sutlej ravaging the mountains and plains.

(See TOURISTS on page 7)

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Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Wednesday 12th July 2023

Anveshana Seva Trust to present Vaidyashri awards to 6 doctors

Mysuru, July 12- City-based Anveshana Seva Trust will present this year's annual awards to six doctors in recognition of their achievements in the medical profession and to commemorate National Doctors Day at a function to be held on July 16 at Ganabharathi's Veene Seshanna Bhavan in Kuvempunagar here at 4.45 pm. Sri Vishwaprasanna Teertha Swamiji will grace the occasion.

Adichunchanagiri University Vice-Chancellor Dr. M.A. Shekar; Mysore Medical College and Research Institute Dean Dr. K.R. Dakshayani; Gastroenterologist Dr. Ramakrishna; H.D. Kote Public Health Centre Medical Officer Dr. M. Chandrakala; Government Ayurveda Research Centre's Dr. Lakshminarayana Shenoy and Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research Assistant Professor Dr. Arpita Urs will be conferred with Vaidyashri awards.

Director of Sri Jayadeva. Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research, Bengaluru, Dr. C.N. Manjunath will inaugurate the programme. MLC Dr. D. Thimmaiah will preside.

Mysuru Jayadeva Hospital's Medical Superintendent Dr. K.S. Sadananda, University of Mysore retired Vice-Chancellor Dr. G. Hemantha Kumar, Anveshana Seva Trust President Dr. M.G.R. Urs, Trust's Amaranathraje Urs and Ursu Mandali Centenary Celebrations Committee President H.M.T. Lingaraje Urs will be the chief guests.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

Mosquitoes have been driving me to distraction for quite some time now. So, every morning, I set a goal of killing no less than fifty mosquitoes and pursued the target unwaveringly. But do I achieve that goal? Not in the least. When I approach these pesky, blood-sucking spreaders of illnesses to clap them to death, I mostly draw a blank.

At times I attempt the kill by swatting them with my palm against the white tiled bathroom walls, which are ideally suited for such kills, but the yield, to my chagrin, is abysmally poor. The mosquitoes have an ingenious way of foiling my attacks and they have thus proved to be one too many for me!

Years ago, during a visit to our village, we happened to stop by a relative's house one evening. All of us sat on the veranda and chit-chatted. When it was around five, the woman of the house brought tea and snacks and ushered us in. To my comment, "We should have tea on the veranda itself as it is quite breezy there," she said it was improper to serve tea to guests on the veranda, especially when they are relatives.

Inside the house, we sat on a bench and began munching on snacks and sipping tea. It was a dimly lit room and lacked the heavenly breeze one enjoyed on the veranda. To my horror, a swarm of mosquitoes hovered over us. I wondered how they would sleep at night in this mosquito-infested room. "You would definitely be using the mosquito net or the mosquito coils, wouldn't you?" I asked the host. He answered chirpily, "Not at all. We don't even use the now-fashionable mosquito repellent creams. It is simple. None of these mosquitoes will remain here once dusk sets in. You know, they have a divine attribute. They are good singers! All of them leave the room humming a tune only to come back tomorrow evening"! We could scarcely suppress a mirthful laugh. — *C.V. Sukumaran in Deccan Herald*

NEWS SPARKLERS

"Unique" football pitch in volcano crater

Mexico City: A volcano crater is not an obvious venue for a football match, but that's where a referee blows the whistle for kick-off each weekend on the outskirts of Mexico City.

"It's a unique pitch. It's very nice to come here to distract yourself, to relax, with friends and family," said 32-year-old player Adrian Garcia, a graphic designer by profession.

The inactive Teoca volcano rises around 2,700 meters (roughly 8,900 feet) above sea level in the district of Xochimilco, a green lung in the southeast of the sprawling megacity.

About 10 teams belonging to an amateur league play in its crater on weekends. The area was once a ceremonial center, but after falling into disuse, it was transformed into a football venue. "The pitch must be about 70 years old," said league representative Joel Becerril.

A single road reaches the summit, as well as an 18-kilometer (11-mile) hiking trail up the volcano's forested slopes.

Over 17,000 pancakes served in 8 hours to break record

Alberta: Organizers of an annual rodeo and festival in Alberta announced they broke a Guinness World Record by serving more than 17,000 pancakes in eight hours.

The event's official Twitter account said a total 17,182 pancakes were served by the end of the eight-hour period.

Guinness World Records adjudicator Brittany Dunn was on hand to observe the attempt. She ended up disqualifying 15 of the pancakes for various reasons, but that still left enough to break the previous record of 14,208.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Urinary tract infection is second most common infection in human body after respiratory tract infection.

By Dr. Dinesh Kumar T. P – Consultant – Urology and Andrology - Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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Jos Alukkas unveils India's first NRI HUID Fest

Exchange gold with exclusive offers

Chennai, July 12- Jos Alukkas has introduced India's first NRI HUID (Hallmark Unique Identification) Fest by presenting a chance for customers to exchange their old gold for HUID-certified gold.

This event exclusively provides Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) a golden opportunity to safeguard the value of their gold by ensuring its authenticity and preserving its worth.

NRI HUID Fest is now accessible across all showrooms of Jos Alukkas to serve its valued customers, especially those residing abroad who are visiting their homeland. The Fest offers Rs. 50 extra per gram on old gold, along with assured valuable gifts. Customers can take advantage of attractive discounts of up to 20% on diamonds and a generous 7% discount on platinum, making it the perfect time for exquisite treasures at exceptional prices.

Jos Alukka, Chairman of Jos Alukkas stated, "Jos Alukkas is pleased to announce a special occasion for NRIs who are returning home from abroad for the holiday season. This year, customers can easily convert their old gold jewellery to HUID certification without any delay or inconvenience upon their arrival. During this time, it is crucial for NRIs to give utmost priority to converting all their gold into the hallmarking prescribed by the Government."

Jos Alukkas NRI HUID Fest is the second event of its kind following the successful HUID Exchange Fest.

Jos Alukkas has been actively promoting certified gold jewellery ensuring customers' confidence in the authenticity and quality of their valuable purchases through engaging promotional campaigns. The brand reinforces its commitment to HUID Certification with the introduction of NRI HUID Fest.

As the Central Government has mandated the HUID hallmarking for gold jewellery, the NRI HUID Fest comes at an ideal time. To explore the NRI HUID Fest and its offerings, customers may visit their nearest Jos Alukkas showroom.

REALLY...?

- ***In some places, people eat snail eggs and call them "white caviar."***
- ***Snail shell is made of calcium carbonate and keeps growing as long as the snail grows. They keep adding more calcium carbonate to the edge until the snail reaches adult size.***
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1 UK Pound	= Rs. 106.69
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 22.41
1 Euro	= Rs. 90.81

VOICE OF THE READER

Footpath on Lingambudhi Tank bund road needs maintenance

Sir,

I would like to draw the attention of Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) towards the bad condition of footpath on Lingambudhi Tank bund road in Srirampura II Stage. This road that leads to Lingambudhipalya has overgrown bushes blocking the footpath and also a portion of the road. Large bushes are bent towards the road causing poor visibility at some curves.

People are forced to go on a morning stroll on this unkempt road and also the students of nearby Arivu Vidya Samsthe have to pedal cycle amid all these difficulties. Many cars, two-wheelers and city buses also ply on this stretch of road.

We request the authorities to clear the bushes as soon as possible and make the road safer, besides taking up its maintenance regularly.

—V. Manimegalai

Mysuru 1.7.2023

PUC: 20 marks for internal assessment in all subjects

Bengaluru, July 12- In a change from the conventional system, the Department of Pre-University Education has changed the examination pattern which will be applicable from the current academic year (2023-24) itself.

From the current academic year, 20 Internal Assessment (IA) marks will be considered for final exam in all PU subjects.

Currently, IA marks are applicable only for subjects with practical components. The subjects included Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Computer Science, Home Science and Electronics. In these subjects, 30 marks are considered from the practical exams. From this year, all 37 PU subjects will have IA of 20 marks, out of which 10 will come from the average of unit tests and 10 from projects or assignments.

The Department has asked colleges to stick to timelines for assessments and upload marks on the Student Achievement Tracking System (SATS). The final exam will be held for 80 marks from this academic year.

While the total marks for the theory exams have been reduced, there will be no changes in the duration of the exam.

Announcing this at a press meet here yesterday, Minister for Primary and Secondary Education Madhu Bangarappa said that this change has been made based on demands from the teacher fraternity and students.

PU Director Sindhu Roopesh said that the new system was being planned for the last six months. The Karnataka School Examination and Assessment Board will release the blueprint of the new question paper. However, the new system will not cover private candidates and repeaters and they have to write the exams in the old format for 100 marks, she pointed out.

Department sources said that this is to push the pass percentage in II PUC final exams.

Mysore Varsity Vice-Chancellor posting

Governor should resolve tangle with legal aid: Ex-Minister M. Shivanna

Mysuru, July 12 (BS)- Former Minister M. Shivanna (Kote) has urged Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot, who is also the Chancellor of Universities in Karnataka, to resolve the controversy surrounding the appointment of Vice-Chancellor (VC) for University of Mysore (UoM) with the aid of legal experts by getting the interim stay order of High Court vacated and appoint a full-time VC at the earliest.

In a press release, Shivanna, who is also the former Chairman of Karnataka State Safai Karmachari Commission, stated that "It has been three weeks since HC ordered interim stay on the appointment of Prof. N.K. Lokanath as VC, after Prof. Sharath Ananthamurthy and Prof. Venkatesh Kumar moved the Court stating that Prof. Lokanath was not eligible for the post."

Now, to take care of the daily affairs of the Varsity, the Registrar and Finance Officer have been delegated the responsibility, which is deemed to be a bad precedent in public circle. According to my understanding, the VC could have been appointed as per University Act 2000, but by not doing so, the reputation of the Varsity has suffered a dent, added Shivanna.

Though the Search Committee had rejected several names, another Committee was formed and the name of Prof. Lokanath, who had been rejected, was included in place of Prof. Venkatesh Kumar and saw to it that his (Prof. Lokanath) name was recommended for the post and

Shivanna *Gehlot*

was made the VC.

"I believe the Raj Bhavan is seized of all these developments and still the Governor can order for probe into this," he said.

It may be mentioned that following the end of tenure of the then VC Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar, a Search Committee had been constituted under the Chairmanship of Prof. Shivakumar, to appoint a new VC. After much deliberation, the names of Prof. Venkatesh Kumar, Prof. Sharath Ananthamurthy and Prof. Gurudatta had been recommended to the Government on the basis of merit and seniority. It was also believed that one among the three may be the VC.

Amid this development, Prof. Rajashekar whose application had been rejected by the Search Panel moved the HC. The Court in its order in March had directed to appoint one among the three recommended by the Panel as VC. Had the VC been appointed then, this situation wouldn't have arisen, added Shivanna.

Water disruption in city on July 13 and 14

Mysuru, July 12- Due to some technical issues related to electricity supply (Belagola Substation-KPTCL holds its quarterly maintenance works) to Hongalli 2nd and 3rd Stage pumping station, there will be disruption in water supply on July 13 and 14 from 10 am and 5 pm in the following areas of the city:

Hebbal, Kumbarakoppal, Manchegowdana Koppal, KG Koppal, Metagalli, Lokanayakanagar, Brindavan Layout, Vontikoppal, Paduvarahalli, Mandi Mohalla, Lashkar Mohalla, Sharadadevinagar, Saraswathipuram, Bogadi, Vijayanagar 1st, 2nd and 3rd Stages, Gokulam 1st, 2nd and 3rd Stages, RMP, BEML, Yadavagiri, Bannimantap, ABC Layout, Eranagere, Siddiquenagar, Shivarathreeshwara Nagar, Tilaknagar, Bademakan, Haleem Nagar, Devaraja Mohalla, N.R. Mohalla, Vidyaranyapuram, Krishnamurthypuram, Janathanagar, KHB Colony, Hootagalli, CSR and HLR Zones, Ward Nos 42 to 45 and 47.

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NEWS BRIEFS

MCC's General Council Meeting

The General Council Meeting of Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) will be held at the Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar auditorium in MCC premises on July 13 at 3 pm, according to a press release from the MCC Council Secretary.

Coaching class

City's Krishik Sarvodaya Foundation, located on Gen. K.S. Thimayya Road, Vijayanagar second stage, will be conducting coaching classes for the competitive exam conducted by IBPS for recruitment of Bank Probationary officers/clerical posts in Public Sector and RRB Banks, in both online and offline mode. The classes will commence from July 14 at 5.30 pm. Interested aspirants can register their name at the office. For details, contact Ph: 0821- 2301564/ 99457-52592, according to a press release.

Motivational camp from Sept. 8

Prajapita Brahmakumari Eshwariya Vishwavidyalaya will be conducting a five-day Motivational Camp for political leaders at Ananda Sarovar, Mt. Abu, Rajasthan, from Sept. 8 to 12. The camp will focus on Motivation, Orientation & Meditation. About 100 elected representatives including MLAs, MLCs, MPs, former Legislators and Parliamentarians, ZP members and the like, from Mysuru, Mandya, Hassan, Kodagu & Chamarajanagar districts can take part. For details, contact Mob: 98802-83752/ 91418-37082/ 78998-20430, according to a press release.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM

Maximum	:	124.80	feet
Today	:	88.10	feet
Yesterday	:	87.40	feet
Inflow	:	4,976	cusecs
Outflow	:	340	cusecs

KABINI DAM

Maximum	:	2,284.00	feet
Today	:	2,268.93	feet
Inflow	:	2,856	cusecs
Outflow	:	800	cusecs

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	2,859.00	feet
Today	:	2,840.17	feet
Inflow	:	946	cusecs
Outflow	:	50	cusecs

Social Welfare Department Commissioner inspects Dr. Ambedkar Bhavan works

Mysuru, July 12 (MTY&DM)- With the works on the construction of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Bhavan in the heart of the city going on at a snail's pace, Social Welfare Department Commissioner Dr. Rakesh Kumar visited the Bhavan on Monday and inspected the progress of works.

The works on Dr. Ambedkar Bhavan is coming up in a 2-acre area at the ground close to the now Devaraja Police Station (previously Nallappathana Station) in Devaraja Mohalla. There have been demands that the works be expedited and the Bhavan be thrown open for public use at the earliest.

It may be mentioned here that Chief Minister Siddharamaiah, during a progress review meeting held in Mysuru on June 10, had directed District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa and the officials to carry out an inspection and submit an estimate on the money that was further needed for completion of all the works. Subsequently, DC Dr. K.V. Rajendra, MUDA Commissioner G.T. Dinesh Kumar and PWD officials visited the site and carried out an inspection, following which an estimate was prepared.

Social Welfare Department Commissioner Dr. Rakesh Kumar (second from right) seen discussing during his inspection of Ambedkar Bhavan on Monday. He was accompanied by DC Dr. K.V. Rajendra, MCC Commissioner G. Lakshmikantha Reddy, MUDA Commissioner G.T. Dinesh Kumar and PWD Officials.

Now, after a month, Dr. Rakesh Kumar carried out an inspection, during which he received inputs regarding the pending works and what needed to be done for expediting the works, which has come almost to a standstill for some time.

After being informed that Rs. 20 crore was needed for completion of all works, he suggested the authorities to execute the works out of MUDA and MCC grants under a sharing system. The Bhavan will have an exhibition facility, a Museum, a Memorial etc.

DC Dr. Rajendra, MCC Commissioner G. Lakshmikantha Reddy, MUDA Commissioner G.T. Dinesh Kumar and PWD officials accompanied Social Welfare Department Commissioner Dr. Rakesh Kumar.

Speaking to presspersons after the inspection, Dr. Rakesh Kumar said he carried out the inspection of Dr. Ambedkar Bhavan following instructions from District In-Charge Minister.

Pointing out that the Department has received the estimate on the cost for completing the structure, he said that the officials have been directed to expedite the works and to take measures for throwing it open for public use.

US appoints India origin Geeta Rao as Ambassador

Geeta Rao Gupta

Washington, July 12 (Agencies)- United States (US) has sworn-in Indian-American Geeta Rao Gupta as the Ambassador at Large for Global Women's Issues in the State Department. Gupta was confirmed by the US Senate by 51 to 47 votes for the position in May, this year.

US Vice-President Kamala Harris yesterday swore-in Gupta.

According to Gupta, there are many inequities and indignities that women suffer around the world, which hold them back from participating fully in the economy.

"The women are subject to threats to their safety and have a fear of violence even on a daily basis and that determines their mobility. In situations of conflict, emergencies and humanitarian crises they are particularly vulnerable, both in terms of their safety and able to look after their families and feed them," she said during her confirmation hearing last year.

Describing herself as a "first-generation immigrant," Gupta said that "I belong to a family of professional women, each of whom dedicated their lives to serving their communities and from a family of men who supported them fully."

Contract Pourakarmikas demand regularisation of service

Mysuru, July 12 (PM&DM) - The Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Pourakarmika and Contract Pourakarmika Association has urged the Government to fulfil its pre-poll promise of regularising the service of 25,000 Contract Pourakarmikas across the State.

Addressing a press meet here on Monday, Association President N. Mara said that the previous BJP Government had ordered regularisation of service of 11,133 Pourakarmikas, garbage vehicle drivers and drainage workers and had also promised regularisation of 12,000 more in a later stage.

Pointing out that there are 33,000 direct payment Pourakarmikas in the State, including 1,540 in the MCC alone, Mara wanted the Congress Government to regularise all of them in one go. He urged Chief Minister Siddharamaiah to take measures in this regard and keep the poll promise of the Government.

Mara further said that the Association has been partly revamped with a new set of office-bearers, with M. Vadivelu elected as the Honorary President, M.V. Venkatesh as the Honorary Working President, D.R. Raju as Secretary, Hanumatha as Honorary Secretary and Bank Ranganna as Advisor.

Association office-bearers T. Srinivas, N. Mohankumar, Manchaiah, M. Vadivelu, M.V. Venkatesh, Bank Ranganna and others were present at the press meet.

Durbar Utsav held in Chamundi Hill temple

Mysuru, July 12 (MTY&DM)- The customary Durbar Utsav was held in Chamundeshwari Hill Temple as part of Chamundeshwari Vardhanti, on Monday night.

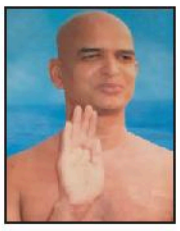
The idol of Goddess Chamundeshwari was placed in the Rudrakshi Mantapa in the temple premises, following which the associated pujas and rituals were performed to the deity under the leadership of the Temple Chief priest Dr. N. Shashishekar Dixit and in the presence of erstwhile Royal family member Pramoda Devi Wadiyar.

The Utsava Phalapuja was performed at Rudrakshi Mantap at 8.30pm, following which the Durbar Utsav took place at 8.45pm, with Pramoda Devi Wadiyar offering prayers. The grand Chamundeshwari Vardhanti culminated with the performance of Durbar Utsav on Monday night.

Earlier in the day on Monday, thousands of devotees from across the State had thronged the Hill Temple for Chamundi Vardhanti to seek the blessings of the deity on this auspicious day.

Jain Seer's murder

Shocking details in FIR



Chikkodi, July 12- As the investigation into the recent murder of **Jain Seer Kamakumar Nandi Maharaj** of Nandi Parvat Ashram at Hirekudi in Chikkodi taluk in Belagavi district has gained momentum, chilling details are emerging out, sending shockwaves among the devotees and followers.

According to the startling details mentioned in First Information Report (FIR) filed in the case, the Seer was still alive even after the two accused — Narayan Mali and Hasan Dalayat — tortured the former by giving electric shock in a room. Later they strangled the Seer with a towel to death.

The Seer was demanding his money back from Mali, angered over which he, along with his friend Dalayat, allegedly got rid of the Seer. Later, the body was transported in a sack on a two-wheeler from the Ashram in Hirekudi to a well in Katakbhavi, where they disposed mortal remains after cutting it into pieces.

Initially, attempts were made to portray Mali as the only accused involved in the case. Later the involvement of his friend Dalayat in the case also came to be known.

The incident came to light, as the devotees lodged a missing complaint at Chikkodi Police Station on July 7. The parts of the body were found 24 hours after intensified search at the well and its surroundings in Katakbhavi.

No CBI probe: CM

Meanwhile, the Opposition BJP raised the issue in the Assembly demanding to hand over the investigation to Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) yesterday, only to be turned down by Chief Minister Siddharamaiah.

Defending that the Police are capable to handle the case, Siddharamaiah said: "there is nothing to find fault in the investigation so far with both the accused named in the FIR, besides arresting them. The body also has been traced. It is a gruesome incident and the accused in the case will be awarded stringer punishment. Whoever influential persons are behind the case will also be strictly dealt with, as the case has been taken seriously."

Sericulture Scientist

Dr. Narasimhanna no more

Dr. M.N. Narasimhanna

Mysuru, July 12- Dr. M.N. Narasimhanna (93), Sericulture Scientist and former Director of Central Sericulture Research and Training Institute in Mysuru, passed away in the wee hours of today at a private hospital in city.

A resident of Contour Road in Gokulam, near Aditya Hospital, he leaves behind two sons, grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

He married P. Jayalakshmi in 1960 and the couple had three sons of which one son had passed away in an accident.

Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hill this afternoon, according to family sources.

As a Scientist, Dr. Narasimhanna invented the Bivoltine breed which benefited the Central Government. He was the recipient of many awards including the International Louis Pasture Award. He had also authored many books including 'Hand Book of Practical Sericulture.'

Born on Feb. 22, 1931 to M. Narayanappa and Sakamma couple in Mysuru, Dr. Narasimhanna completed his High School studies at D. Banumaiah's High School and B.Sc degree at St. Philomena's College.

He did his M.Sc in Zoology at the Central College in Bengaluru and obtained his Ph.D in Sericulture from Mysore University.

Dr. Narasimhanna served as the Joint Director of the Central Sericulture Research and Training Institute in Mysuru between 1975 and 76, Director of Central Sericulture Research and Training Institute in Mysuru between 1976 and 78 and Director of Central Tasar Research & Training Institute at Ranchi between 1978 and 80.

After Jain Seer's killing...

Double-murder horror rocks State

MD, CEO of fibre net firm hacked to death; former employee among three held

Bengaluru, July 12 (UNI& Agencies)- Close on the heels of a high-profile murder of a Jain Seer in Belagavi district, a double-murder horror has rocked the capital city of Karnataka — Bengaluru.

Subramanyam

Vinu Kumar

The deceased are Phanindra Subramanyam and Vinu Kumar, who were the Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) respectively of Aironics Media Pvt. Ltd., a fibre net firm at Pampa Extension, Amruthahalli in the city.

A former employee, identified as Shabarish alias 'Joker' Felix, the prime accused in the case, has been arrested along with two others, Vinay Reddy and Santosh, according to Amruthahalli Police.

Felix barged into the office and stabbed and hacked the two with a knife and sword at around 3.30 pm yesterday, who breathed their last en route hospital, it is said.

Felix had allegedly quit the company to start his own venture, but had animosity against Phanindra. He (Felix) is also a social media influencer and has a large number of followers online.

Rival Co. MD picked up

The Police investigating into the case have also picked up Arun Kumar Azad, the MD of Gnet Broadband, the rival of Aironics, for questioning. Azad was picked up by the Police soon after he landed in a flight from Delhi, at Kempegowda International Airport, Devanahalli, in the midnight.

It is suspected that Azad had hired the three accused in the case to get rid of his business rivals. However, there is no clarity yet about his involvement as the investigation is still underway.

Law and order failure

Meanwhile, BJP hit out at the Congress Govt. over deteriorating law and order situation in the State, during the Assembly Session yesterday. Former Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai stated: "The Law and Order situation in Karnataka has been quickly deteriorating under the new Government." Bommai cited the examples of recent murder of a Yuva Brigade activist in T. Narasipur in Mysuru district, brutal killing of a Jain Seer in Belagavi district and killing of a Head Constable by sand mafia in Kalaburagi.

BJP is demanding CBI probe into the Jain Seer's murder case, while several pro-Hindu organisations are pitching for capital punishment for the killers. The accused have been identified by the Police as Narayan Mali and Hasan Dalayat, who were arrested six hours after they committed the crime, Home Minister Dr. G. Parameshwara told the Assembly yesterday.

Obituary

Hemalatha

Mysuru, July 12- Hemalatha (64), wife of V. Pramod Kumar of Anand Bhavan Stores and a resident of V.V. Mohalla, passed away yesterday. She leaves behind her husband, son Manjul Goyal, daughter Pragathi Goyal, brothers S. Raghukul Tilak, Dr. S. Govinda and S. Gopal, sister Asha Gupta and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were held at Chirashantidhama in Gokulam this morning.

N.B. Guruswamy

T. Narasipur: N.B. Guruswamy (65), a resident of Neelasoge village in T. Narasipur taluk, passed away following brief illness on Monday.

He leaves behind his wife Rathnamma, mother Shivamma, sisters Shylaja, Mangalamma and Nagamani and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at Neelasoge village yesterday, according to family sources.

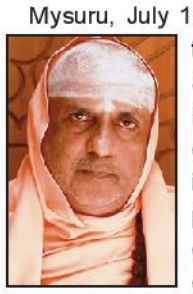
Sri Ilai Alwar Swamiji urges security for Seers

Mysuru, July 12 (BS)- Vangipura Mutt Seer Sri Ilai Alwar Swamiji has demanded the Government to provide adequate security to Seers and Monks in the wake of murder of Jain Seer Kamakumara Nandi Maharaj in Belagavi district.

Speaking during a condolence meeting organised by Apoorva Sneha Balaga at Jain Brahmin Student Hostel in city yesterday, Sri Ilai Alwar Swamiji said: "Jain Seers have been practicing non-violence but the recent incident of murder has shocked the society. The murderers should be awarded harsher punishment to check recurrence of such incidents."

Corporator M.V. Ramprasad, Apoorva Suresh, Jain Brahim Student Hostel Secretary Shamanand Sagar and several others attended the meeting.

Suttur Seer expresses deep regrets



Mysuru, July 12 (BS)- Suttur Seer **Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji** has expressed his deep regrets over the murder of Jain Seer Sri Kamakumar Nandi Maharaj of Nandi Parvat Ashram at Hirekodi in Belagavi district.

Suttur Seer has said: "It is a shocking incident as Kamakumar Nandi Maharaj had to meet his gory end at the hands of those in his close quarters, after leading 25 years of his life as a Saint. It is regrettable that a mindset is being developed to kill the Seers who have been preaching and practicing non-violence."

The Government should conduct a detailed probe into the incident and take suitable action against those involved in the case, so that such incidents do not recur in the future. If the situation warrants, suitable bandobast should be provided to create a conducive environment to live peacefully in the State.

"I am with the Jain community in their time of grief and pray for the soul of the deceased. I pray the almighty to give strength to the followers of the Seer to bear the loss," added Suttur Seer.

Yuva Brigade activist's murder in T. Narasipur

Six arrested, Police on the lookout for more

SP Seema Latkar rules out any communal angle; initial investigation points at personal enmity

Venugopal Nayak

Shankaregowda

Manikanta

Anil Nayak

Sandesh

Harris

Manja

T. Narasipur, July 12 (BLU,SK &BCT)- In a significant breakthrough, the Police have apprehended six individuals in connection to the murder of Venugopal Nayak, a member of the Yuva Brigade. The arrested individuals, identified as Manikanta alias Koole Mani, Sandesh, Anil Nayak alias Galli, Shankaregowda alias Thuppa, Manja and Harris, are all residents of T. Narasipur town.

Venugopal Nayak (32) was a resident of Srirampura Colony, T. Narasipur.

According to the ongoing investigation, personal enmity appears to be the motive behind the heinous crime. The chain of events leading to the murder allegedly started with a confrontation between two groups during the Hanuma Jayanti celebrations in the taluk on Saturday night. Subsequently, the group meticulously planned and executed the murder of Venugopal on Sunday night.

A Police officer said that *prima facie*, Nayak was murdered after there were issues of vehicle parking and also, he stopped someone from posting Kannada actor late Puneeth Rajkumar photo with the procession.

"There was a small fight between Nayak and the accused during the procession which was defused by people participating in the celebrations. After the event, Manikanta called Venugopal Nayak to meet so as to compromise on the matter and stabbed him to death," the officer added.

Superintendent of Police (SP) Seema Latkar had formed two special teams to arrest the accused. There is a possibility of further arrests, suggesting the involvement of additional persons, the SP said.

She also ruled out any communal angle in the murder but was killed due to the fight that took place during the procession.

Dy.SP Govindaraju has been assigned the responsibility of overseeing the thorough investigation into the murder case. To gather crucial evidence, CCTV footage from the vicinity of the crime scene where Venugopal was murdered has been collected and is being carefully examined. The investigators are also actively seeking information regarding the potential involvement of others in the incident.

BJP fact-finding team visits T. Narasipur; blames Congress

Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa representing T. Narasipur neither condoled nor condemned the murder: C.T. Ravi

T. Narasipur, July 12 (SK& BCT)- The Opposition BJP has strongly condemned the recent murders of Jain Seer Kamakumar Nandi Maharaj and Yuva Brigade activist Venugopal Nayak and pointed fingers at the Ruling Congress party, demanding a comprehensive investigation into the incidents. The BJP has formed two fact-finding teams to look into the matter and shed light on the circumstances surrounding the killings.

Yesterday, one of the fact-finding teams, led by BJP National General Secretary and former MLA C.T. Ravi, visited T. Narasipur to assess the situation. MLAs Dr. C.N. Ashwathnarayan & T.S. Srivatsa, Mysuru Mayor Shivakumar, former MLA N. Mahesh, BJP District Unit President Mangala Somashekar and BJP leader M.V. Ravishankar too were present.

Cheque for Rs. 5 lakh to wife

Expressing concerns over the proximity of the accused to influential individuals, the team underlined the importance of a fair trial and urged for a thorough investigation. The BJP team handed over a compensation cheque for Rs. 5 lakh to Poornima, the wife of Venugopal Nayak.

The BJP leaders alleged that the accused individuals have connections with certain Congress leaders, raising suspicions of political involvement.

C.T. Ravi stated that it seems the Congress Government has adopted a 'Taliban' mindset, targeting those who support Hindutva. The BJP delegation demanded an impartial investigation into the murder of Venugopal Nayak.

MLA Dr. Ashwathnarayan demanded Rs. 25 lakh in compensation and a job for Venugopal's wife.

Why the Minister is silent?

Ravi expressed regret that Minister for Social Welfare Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa, who represents T. Narasipur Constituency, neither condoled nor condemned the murder within his own jurisdiction. He said that providing financial aid to the victim's family is secondary. "Humanity and justice come first," he said.

"After the Congress Government came to power, there have been numerous murders targeting Hindus. From 2013 to 2019, a series of killings took place. Even now, there is a prevailing State of 'madness' where fanatic elements associated with our own Government are instigating violence," Ravi alleged.

"These incidents of murder and arson primarily target Hindus. The Government itself must take responsibility for the welfare of the affected families. No forgiveness should be granted to the perpetrators of these murders under any circumstances. Everyone should be held accountable and receive appropriate punishment. We will conduct peaceful protests inside and outside the Assembly to bring peace to the State," Ravi added.

During their visit, the team also addressed the brutal murder of Jain Seer Kamakumar Nandi Maharaj in Belagavi district.

They criticised the Congress Government for misleading the public by attributing the murder to financial reasons, questioning the possibility of a Jain Seer engaging in money lending.

The BJP delegation emphasised that they would only accept the findings of the Police investigation if it proves to be on the right track. Otherwise, they will demand a probe by the National Investigation Agency (NIA).

Congress refutes BJP's charges; Victim's wife seeks justice

Fourth murder accused is the brother of BJP Corporator from Mysuru: Sunil Bose

T. Narasipur, July 12 (SK& BCT)- The heartbreaking loss of Venugopal Nayak's wife and innocent daughter has intensified the anguish and anger. The family has held the Government accountable and they insisted that no leniency should be shown towards the perpetrators.

During a visit to the residence of Venugopal in T. Narasipur yesterday, Congress leader Sunil Bose, who is the son of District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa, expressed condolences to the grieving family. Overwhelmed by the emotional turmoil, Bose broke down in front of Venugopal's wife, Poornima.

Poornima, her voice filled with sorrow, underlined the urgent need for justice, stressing that she and her daughter are living in constant fear for their lives.

She appealed the Government not to release the accused within three months like it happens in most of the cases and sought life sentence for the culprits.

In response to these allegations, the Congress criticised the BJP for exploiting the death of Venugopal for political gains. Sunil Bose urged against politicising such a tragedy and emphasised the need for a thorough investigation based on factual evidence. Amidst the political uproar, he condemned the murder and advocated an unbiased investigation.

"Since the fourth accused in this case is the brother of a BJP Corporator from Mysuru, can we raise finger at BJP. Nobody should engage in politics during such a tragedy. The BJP is trying to play politics over the dead body. I condemn this murder and proper investigation should be conducted based on facts, as my father has already directed officials," said Sunil Bose.

Lok Adalat disposes of 13,000 cases; Rs. 64 crore settlement amount

Mysuru, July 12 (DM) - The Mysuru District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) conducted a National Lok Adalat on July 8, 2023. The Adalat settled a total of 13,415 cases, including 2,01,078 traffic violation cases and 1,407 other cases.

The total settlement amount was Rs.64,02,79,018. In all, 42 warring couples who had filed divorce/domestic dispute suits at Family Courts across the district, were reunited during the Lok Adalat.

The Adalat was held under the guidance of Principal District and Sessions Court Judge G.S. Sangreshi, Senior Civil Judge and DLSA Member-Secretary B.G. Dinesh and Family Courts Judges Vela Khode, Girisha Bhat, Rudolph Periera and Sudha Sethuram Omkar.

According to a press release issued by the DLSA, out of the 2,02,418 traffic (challan) violation cases that came up before the Adalat 2,01,078 cases were settled with a collection of fine amount totalling Rs. 4,44,80,014. Other than this, a total of 13,415 of the 17,446 other nature of cases, including criminal compoundable cases were settled.

Apart from traffic violation cases, the other nature of issues settled/ disposed of included — 678 cases under N.I.Act (Negotiable Instruments Act) with settlement amount of Rs.11,26,47,925, 238 MACT cases (Motor Accident Claims Tribunal) with settlement amount of Rs.14,22,81,972, 124 Matrimonial Dispute cases with settlement amount of Rs.1,26,00,800, 396 Criminal Compoundable cases with settlement amount of Rs. 3,17,300 and 125 Partition suits with settlement amount of Rs.22,00,000.

Taking into account all this, the total number of cases settled including traffic challan, which formed a major chunk of the settled cases, stands at 2,15,833, with a collective settlement amount of Rs.64,02,79,018.

Tourists from Mysuru safe

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Houses, cars, towns, cities, villages and farmlands fell victim to the force of nature.

In the midst of this chaos, Srinidhi, Navya, Veer, Ankush Parmar and Neha Bhatkal, the newly wedded couple, were exploring Kullu-Manali when heavy rains and floods struck the area.

Ankush and Neha embarked on their journey to North India on July 1, with their planned return date being yesterday. Ankush managed to contact his mother via phone last Sunday, but since then, their mobile phones have been unreachable, causing great anxiety among their family members as messages went unanswered.

Around 50 individuals from various parts of Karnataka were also part of this tour to North India. However, with the assurance from the District Disaster Management Officer that all Mysureans are safe, their loved ones now eagerly await their safe return to the city.

This morning's reports said that a portion of the Manali-Leh National Highway collapsed, cutting off road connectivity to Lahaul-Spiti district and Ladakh. Efforts are underway to rescue around 300 stranded tourists and residents in Lahaul-Spiti and Kullu districts as soon as weather conditions permit, with helicopters being utilised for the operation.

Additionally, approximately 70 tourists heading towards Manimahesh Lake in the Bharmour region of Chamba district find themselves stranded. The devastating rainfall has claimed the lives of 80 people in Himachal Pradesh, with additional casualties reported in Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Punjab and Rajasthan.

BJP petitions Governor

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We will continue to protest in and outside the Assembly against this Government, which has even turned down the demand for CBI probe into the incident, added Bommai.

Memorandum

In their memorandum to Governor, they explained that "The brutal murder of Jain Seer in Karnataka has brought the spotlight on the State, which recently saw a change of guard after a highly contested election that was held in May."

In another incident on July 9, a 32-year-old man associated with Yuva Brigade was hacked to death in T. Narasipur of Mysuru district. Venugopal Nayak, a resident of Srirampura Colony, was stabbed to death over a trivial matter during Hanuma Jayanti celebrations on the outskirts of T. Narasipur while in Kalaburagi a Head Constable was mowed down by sand mafia.

The memorandum also mentioned about 'Pakistan Zindabad' slogans heard openly in public at Belagavi and a disturbing comment against particular community in Bhatkal and two youths riding a two-wheeler in Hassan with a gun in hand.

Former Ministers and sitting MLAs R. Ashok, Dr. C. N. Ashwathnarayan, Araga Jnanendra and V. Sunil Kumar, MLAs T. S. Srivatsa, D. Vedavyas Kamath, B.Y. Vijayendra, B. P. Harish, Sharanu Salagar and several others took part in the protest.

No heroism in breaking traffic rules, cautions DCP

We too feel sad when our teams have to shift the dead bodies of accident victims: S. Jahnavi

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Mysuru, July 12 (MK&DM)- Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP-Crime and Traffic) S. Jahnavi has warned motorists that jumping traffic signals often results in accidents, sometimes fatal. She was speaking at a traffic awareness programme at Hindustan College in Vidyaranyapuram this morning.

Jahnavi said that many people seem to derive pleasure from breaking the law. They enjoy overspeeding, jumping signals and reckless driving. They even share stories of how they have hoodwinked the Police as heroic acts. She said that this is a false sense of bravado.

Jahnavi said that accidents do not bring any joy to anyone. The Police also feel sad when they have to shift the bodies of accident victims. She reiterated that violating traffic rules is no heroism. Motorists should not feel happy at escaping at the moment of violation, as they will be caught at some point in time later, the DCP said.

She said that everyone should have a feeling for shelling out hard-earned money for payment of fines, which they can avoid by following traffic rules and regulations.

ACP (Traffic) Parashuramappa said that such traffic awareness programmes are beneficial to youths. He stressed the need for the public to follow traffic rules and regulations. He said that everyone should understand that traffic rules are meant for the welfare of motorists and not the Police.

Devaraja Traffic Police Inspector N. Muniyappa cautioned people against lending their vehicles to strangers and to those aged below 18 years of age. He said that having a valid driving licence is essential for driving/riding vehicles on roads. He asked the people to be wary of traffic rules and follow them for their own safety.

A video on traffic awareness was played on the occasion. College Principal Dr. C.J. Priya, Gandhadagudi Foundation's Aryan, Sushma, Raghunandan and others were present.

Silent stir against Rahul's disqualification as MP

Bengaluru/Mysuru, July 12 (Agencies)- Chief Minister Siddharamaiah, Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar along with several other Cabinet Ministers and MLAs staged a silent protest at Freedom Park in Bengaluru this morning.

Congress party has organised a Statewide protest from 10 am to 5 pm today, to condemn the move of BJP-led Central Government to disqualify Rahul Gandhi as a MP, over Modi surname defamation case. CM Siddharamaiah, DyCM Shivakumar, Ministers N.S. Boseraju and Satish Jarkiholi, KPCC Working President Saleem Ahmed, MLAA.R. Krishnamurthy and several others staged a sit in protest, by tying a black band on their mouth.

A similar protest was staged at Gandhi Square in Mysuru too today. Former MLAs Vasu and M. K. Somashekar, District Congress Rural Committee President Dr. B. J. Vijaykumar, former ZP Presidents Latha Siddashetty and K. Marigowda and several other Congress leaders took part in the protest.

Face your fears before they finish you

Fear is a reaction. Courage is a decision

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Fears normally arise out of the subconscious conditioning we give ourselves. It is a known fact that our subconscious wiring runs our conscious actions. It can also arise out of imagination or considering someone else's fear as the own. Sometimes even traumatic experiences cause fears. All of what runs our actions and decisions are the way we would have been brought up or gathered out of our own experiences which is all stored in our subconscious mind. While some fears can be overcome with simple reconditioning and reset of mindset, some fears may be overcome by seeking professional help.

Sometimes we also come across small incidences in our daily life where we would have observed some elders/ parents reacting when they see a child climbing up the wall and reacting: "If you climb up the wall, you will fall down. Not only that, you will break your leg and you will have profuse bleeding and you will be taken to the doctor and he will inject you." This will definitely create enormous fear in the mind of the child because the child is already hearing and making pictures of all that is told.

The fears that are most pressing ones and that which many of them struggle with are:

1. Fear of Failure
2. Fear of Being Judged
3. Fear of Unknown
4. Fear of Being Different / Fear of Not Fitting in
5. Fear of Accepting the New

Here are a few suggestions and tips of mindset reset to overcome the same:

1. Fear of Failure has become a plague in many peoples' lives driving them even to take extreme actions like suicide, addictions and other unhealthy habits. It can be overcome by viewing failure as a stepping stone to success. **Every setback gives us a lesson to learn** and we only need to identify the lesson that it has given us and progress, while making sure the mistakes are not repeated. Progress is important. Sir Winston Churchill's quotes, *"Success is not final. Failure is not fatal. It is the courage that counts."*

2. Fear of Being Judged can be overcome by embracing and accepting self. Be proud of being what you are. Do not bother about what others might think. Sometimes the other person may not even have thought about you or even the time to think of what you are. Unnecessarily we tend to make this a thinking pattern. This comes from social conditioning by people around you saying **"What would others think of you."** When we embrace ourself for who we are and build confidence, automatically what others might think of us would shrink and fade away.

3. Fear of Unknown is also very common fear among many today. This arises mostly out of parents or elders not letting the child explore thinking that they are trying to keep the child safe. This might turn out to be a spoiler. If the focus is laid on **exploring and progressing** on what needs to be done then there will be a shift from fear to focus. If we also understand and embrace the simple quote from our scriptures that **"change is a constant"** and if we **wear courage as an attire** every day dealing with the change is easy. My favourite quote for this fear is, **"Have Fear and Do it Anyway."**

4. Fear of Being Different is a fear which leads a person to self-isolate, struggle with low self-esteem and also hang on the element of what if they are judged. The key to this fear is to understand **that everybody is different and unique and embracing the uniqueness** of self will make it easier to overcome this fear.

5. Fear of Accepting the New is a fear that arises when we stick to the old. Combat this comfort zone and move over to the new comfort zone. Add new things to the routine and embrace growth mindset. This also helps in improving resilience and courage. It is said that **"Growth starts happening when we step out of our comfort zones."**

I want to wrap up this article with a famous Japanese Proverb **"Fear is only as Deep as the Mind Allows."**

Felicitation to Yogacharya marks Guru Purnima celebrations

Mysuru, July 12- The auspicious Guru Purnima occurs on the Full Moon Day during Ashada Masa and Sachidananda Yoga Shala in Gokulam held a felicitation event to express gratitude to Guru Yogacharya S.V. Venkateshaia.

The event was organised by Guru Chidananda, along with the Shala students, to spread the importance of GURU in one's life. The students chanted Guru Stotra and Guru Ashtakam composed by Jagadguru Adi Shankaracharya.

Yogacharya Venkateshaia, in his address, highlighted the importance of Yama & Niyama (The first 2 limbs of Ashtanga) to adopt and follow in life.

St. Mary's School alumni honour retd. teachers of 1978-82 batch

Mysuru, July 12- The Alumni Association of St. Mary's School, St. Philomena's Church premises, had organised a function at a hotel in city recently to honour four retired teachers of St. Mary's School (1978-82 batch).

The retired teachers, who were felicitated are Shaheen Taj, Sherli Narona, Jaya Chinappa and M. Elizabeth.

MLA Tanveer Sait, an alumnus of St. Mary's School during 1978-1982 batch, was also felicitated.

Mementoes and shawls were presented to all the five members. Mohamed Ismail, Principal, Al Huda Public School, compered the programme while Ibrahim Sait, an alumnus of St. Mary's School and Joint Secretary, Al Huda Public School, welcomed.

Later, the four teachers addressed their students, who have now crossed 50 years of age.

Alumni of the School Khasim Ali Khan came all the way from Behrain, Seren Patricks from Cochin (Kerala) and Iftekhar Ahmed of Ahad Builders from Bengaluru, to attend the felicitation programme.

A two-minute silence was observed to pay homage to the departed alumni and teachers of St. Mary's School.

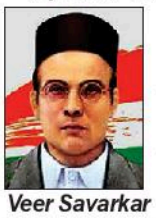
Tanveer Sait, expressing his happiness to meet the old friends of 1978-1982 batch and classmates of St. Mary's School, also requested the Association to organise such functions.

Sait recalled the teachers who shaped their lives and made them proud citizens.

Some alumni washed the feet of their teachers and sought their blessings, thus keeping the Guru-Shishya tradition alive.

State-level Essay contest on Veer Savarkar

Mysuru, July 12- Savarkar Prathishtana, Mysuru, has organised a State-level Essay contest for PU students at Gopalaswamy PU College, near Nanjumalige in the city, on July 30.



Veer Savarkar

The contestants can choose from the following topics:

Savarkar and Pateeta Pavana Mandira; Savarkar in London; Savarkar in Freedom Struggle; Savarkar and Apology letter; Kaalapani imprisonment and Savarkar.

The contestants are required to write an essay on the topic of their choice from anyone of the above. The contest is of one hour duration and the essay should not exceed a thousand words.

The first prize carries a cash reward of Rs.10,000, second prize - Rs.5,000 and third prize - Rs.3,000.

For registration, log on to *https://surveyheart.com/form/64a552d53d6e585e54522739*.

For details, call Mob: 86602-19746 or 96200-96279.

Rohan Bopanna-Matthew Ebden enter Wimbledon Quarterfinals

Rohan Bopanna and Matthew Ebden

London, July 12- The sixth-seeded pair of India's Rohan Bopanna and Australian Matthew Ebden beat the duo of Reese Stalder and David Pel to enter the Men's Doubles Quarterfinals at the Wimbledon Championships here on Tuesday.

The Indo-Australian duo defeated the combine of American Stalder and Dutchman Pel 7-5, 4-6, 7-6 (10-5) in a pre-quarterfinal match that lasted two hours and 19 minutes.

Bopanna and Ebden next meet the Dutch duo of Tallon Griekspoor and Bart Stevens today (July 12) at 7.30 pm (IST)

Djokovic enters semi-finals

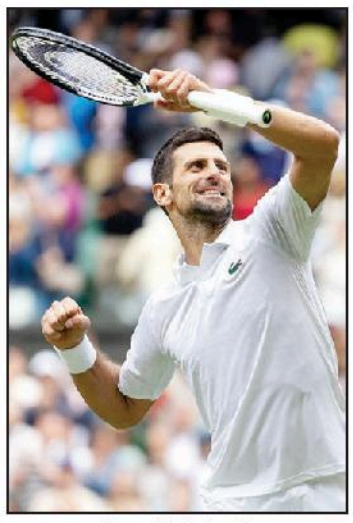
Serbian ace Novak Djokovic reached the semi-finals at 2023 Wimbledon after beating Andrey Rublev.

The former World No. 1 survived an initial scare and went on to win 4-6, 6-1, 6-4, 6-3 at the Centre Court.

Djokovic, the defending champion, has now sailed into his 12th semi-final at Wimbledon. He also became the second man to feature in 400 Grand Slam matches.

Djokovic will now take on 8th seed Jannik Sinner in the semi-finals to be held on July 14.

Jannik Sinner broke new ground at Wimbledon on Tuesday as the Italian powered into the semi-finals of a Grand Slam for the first time with a 6-4, 3-6, 6-2, 6-2 win over big-hitting Russian Roman Safiullin.



Novak Djokovic

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TODAY'S MATCHES (JULY 12)

MEN'S SINGLE (QUARTER-FINALS)

3 Daniil Medvedev **Vs** Christopher Eubanks	**6.45 pm**
1 Carlos Alcaraz **Vs** 6 Holger Rune	**7.15 pm**

WOMEN'S SINGLE (QUARTER-FINALS)

25 Madison Keys **Vs** 2 Aryna Sabalenka	**5.30 pm**
6 Ons Jabeur **Vs** 3 Elena Rybakina	**6.00 pm**

MEN'S DOUBLES (QUARTER-FINALS)

Jackson Withrow & Nathaniel Lammons **Vs** 15 Marcel Granollers & Horacio Zeballos	**3.30 pm**
10 Tim Pütz & Kevin Krawietz **Vs** 13 Michael Venus & Jamie Murray	**4.45 pm**
1 Neal Skupski & Wesley Koolhof **Vs** Ariel Behar & Adam Pavlásek	**4.50 pm**
Tallon Griekspoor & Bart Stevens **Vs** 6 Matthew Ebden & Rohan Bopanna	**7.30 pm**

WOMEN'S DOUBLES (QUARTER-FINALS)

3 Storm Sanders & Elise Mertens **Vs** Naiktha Bains & Maia Lumsden	**3.30 pm**
Sara Sorribes Tormo & Marie Bouzková **Vs** Vera Zvonareva & Laura Siegemund	**6.05 pm**

MIXED DOUBLES (SEMI-FINALS)

Matwé Middelkoop & Aldila Sutjiadi **Vs** Joran Vliegen & Xu Yifan	**6.00 pm**
7 Mate Pavić & Lyudmyla Kichenok **Vs** Olivia Nicholls & Jonny O'Mara	**7.30 pm**

TOMORROW'S MATCHES (JULY 13)

WOMEN'S SINGLE (SEMI-FINALS)

Elina Svitolina **Vs** Markéta Vondroušová	**TBD**

Catch Live on STAR SPORTS & Disney+hotstar

[NOTE: Timings are subject to last minute changes]

'Tax Clinic' at ICAI Bhawan in city on July 13 and 14

Expert Chartered Accountants will answer queries of tax-payers between 11 am and 6 pm

Mysuru, July 12- To create awareness among the tax-payers with regard to importance of filing of Income Tax (IT) Return and resolving their queries or ambiguities in filing of returns, the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) has organised Tax Clinics across India through its 168 branches and 5 Regional Councils on July 13 and 14. This will reduce litigation, increase in tax base, resolution of queries resulting in timely compliance and smooth filing.

The Tax Clinics have been organised with the publications support of the Income Tax Department.

As part of this event, the Mysuru Branch of ICAI is conducting 'Tax Clinic' at its branch premises located at 'ICAI Bhawan,' CA Site No. 2, Bank Employees Colony, Bogadi, Mysuru.

Tax Experts will be available from 11 am to 6 pm to answer queries of tax-payers pertaining to filing of return of income without any cost.

The Tax Clinic in Mysuru will be inaugurated by K. Devarathna Kumar, Principal Commissioner of Income Tax, Assessment Unit-1, Mysuru, on July 13 at 10.30 am.

Public are requested to take advantage of this and get their queries resolved by expert Chartered Accountants on both days between 11 am and 6 pm. In case of queries, public may contact the ICAI Mysuru Branch on Ph: 0821-2598000.

National symposium on 'Tribal Development'

Mysuru, July 12- Centre for Inclusive Growth and Development, Research, Mysuru, has organised a two-day national-level workshop and symposium on 'Atmanirbhar Bharat: Ethno, Eco and Economic Development of Tribals in India' on July 21 and 22 in collaboration with Basudeva Somani College, Kuvempunagar, Mysuru.

The programme will be sponsored by the Anthropological Survey of India, Kolkata. Experts from different Universities in the State and country, leaders of NGOs, researchers, research students, tribal experts, policy-makers and others will actively participate in this national-level workshop. In this programme, there will be a discussion and presentation of articles on the issue of tribal development that has taken place in the country in the last 75 years.

Also, there will be a detailed discussion about further research on the issue of tribals. The seminar will be held in Kannada and English language.

Those who want to participate in this seminar may contact Mob: 90081-64514.

The registration fee will be Rs. 100 per person.

CSIR-CFTRI (Mysuru) team wins

Thacker Memorial Tennis Championship

Mysuru, July 12- CSIR-CFTRI (Mysuru) team won the Thacker Memorial Tennis Championship 2023 held at The National Institute for Interdisciplinary Science and Technology, a constituent laboratory of CSIR (NIIST), Trivandrum, Kerala, recently.

CFTRI team, comprising R.N. Ramesh (Captain), Dr. Arun Kumar, Girish Ghiwari and M. Shivakumara exhibited a wonderful game of play and in finals defeated NIIST, by 2-1 to win the Team Championship.

Individual Championship

R.N. Ramesh won the Individual Championship defeating Dr. Snehashish Behara of CSIR - Institute of Minerals and Materials Technology (IMMT), Bhubaneswar, in the finals by 8-5.

WORD OF THE DAY

Dog days

Pronunciation: DAWG-DAYZ.
Meaning: Dog days is a plural noun that refers to the hottest time of the year, which in the northern hemisphere is usually between early July and early September. Dog days can also refer to a period of stagnation or inactivity suggestive of hot, sultry weather when it can be difficult to summon the energy required for hard work.
Origin: Idle hands may be the devil's workshop, but let's be serious: when it's stiflingly hot outside, who among us isn't tempted to shirk work to go lie doggo in the shade somewhere? Such is the desire of many a creature — not just dogs (or lexicographers)—during the dog days of summer. If you're curious how dogs got singled out in this expression, however, you might say it was in the stars. The dog in dog days is the Dog Star, aka Sirius, the star that represents the hound of the hunter Orion in the eponymous constellation. The star has long been associated with sultry weather in the northern hemisphere because it rises simultaneously with the sun during the hottest days of summer.
Example: "Streets with mature trees command higher home prices, temper the dog days of summer and draw more people outdoors for fresh air, walks and chats with neighbors." —Celia Llopis-Jepsen, Kansas News Service, 9 May 2023.

THE ODD WORD

Decorticate

To remove the bark, husk or peel of.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Dash to pieces

Meaning: Break into fragments.
Origin: Many English phrases are found first in either the Bible or the works of Shakespeare. 'Dash to pieces' appears to be a close run race between two. The Coverdale Bible, 1535, in Psalms 2.9, has: Thou shalt rule them with a rodde of yron and breake them in peces like an erthen vessell. 'Dash' was a commonly used verb in the 16th century meaning variously 'crash up against', as in raining splashing against a window, or 'destroy utterly'. Shakespeare brought both meanings together in the first known usage of 'dash to pieces', in The Tempest, 1610: A brave vessel, who had, no doubt, some noble creature in her, dash'd all to pieces. We no longer use 'dash' to mean break into pieces. The biblical scholars who in 1610 were working on the King James Bible (1611) converted Coverdale's 'breake them in peces' to 'dash them in pieces': Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel. There may yet be a steward's enquiry but this one does seem to be 'coined by Shakespeare' - by a nose.

QUOTE BOX

If you want something done, ask a busy person to do it.

—Laura Ingalls Wilder

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

Answer: Marble arch.

SUDOKU

8								
2	1			4		7	5	
	9				7	4		
		8	4	3	5			
			6	7	9	5		
		4	1				6	
	2	9		6			3	4
								7

Answer to previous puzzle

3	7	4	1	9	5	2	6	8
9	8	1	3	2	6	4	7	5
5	6	2	7	8	4	9	3	1
8	3	5	2	7	1	6	4	9
1	2	6	8	4	9	7	5	3
7	4	9	5	6	3	1	8	2
2	1	8	4	3	7	5	9	6
4	9	3	6	5	2	8	1	7
6	5	7	9	1	8	3	2	4

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

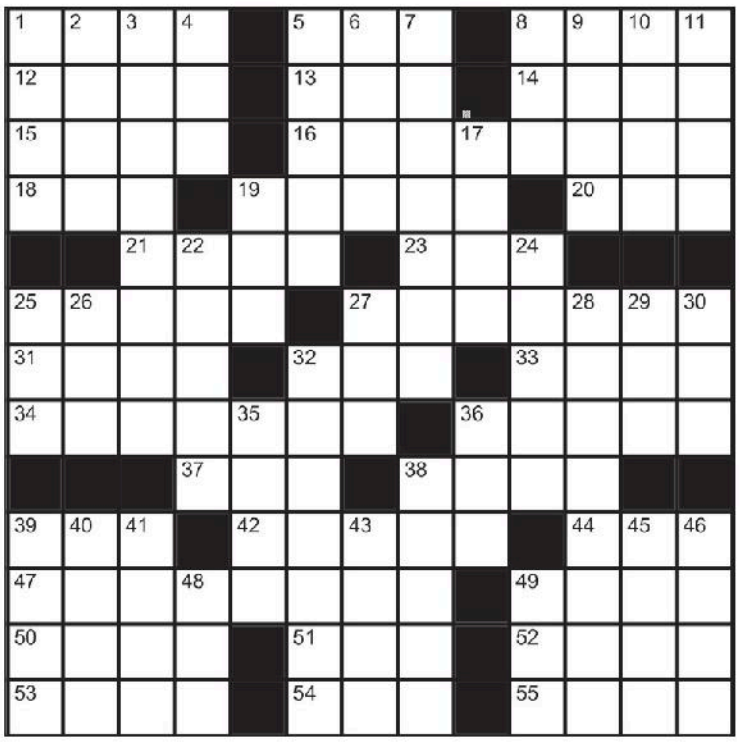
1 Approximately (2,2)
5 ___ Peter to pay Paul?
8 Absent without permission in the army
12 Ketu's counterpart in Indian folklore?
13 Malt beverage
14 Person from Phuket
15 Mine, in Aix
16 In someone's __ ___ : not well thought of or disliked by someone? (3,5)
18 Tenet or rule
19 Thin biscuit
20 Venomous creature
21 Help a felon
23 Very important person, in short
25 Not hollow
27 Connecting parts in Gothic vaulting - "reels in" anagram?
31 Black and white
32 Fish that has no visible scales
33 Dad's sister
34 Mathematical system
36 Combine
37 Before marriage
38 Writing fluids
39 Fairy queen
42 La ____: Milan opera house
44 "You" in Urdu
47 Disparage, run down
49 Biblical word
50 Expanse
51 Large flightless bird from down under
52 Successful pilots
53 Pieces of turf
54 Doctor of Sacred Music, abbr.
55 Counting-out starter

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

O	G	R	E	■	T	A	J	■	C	H	E	F
A	N	E	T	■	O	P	E	■	E	I	R	E
S	U	S	H	M	I	T	A	■	R	E	I	N
■	■	■	A	I	L	■	L	E	E	R	E	D
P	A	T	N	A	■	S	O	U	S	A	■	■
R	A	R	E	■	G	A	U	R	■	R	O	B
E	R	A	■	T	O	R	S	O	■	C	T	O
Y	E	N	■	B	U	O	Y	■	S	H	O	O
■	■	S	W	A	R	D	■	B	U	Y	E	R
R	E	F	O	R	M	■	H	S	I	■	■	■
A	M	O	R	■	A	D	O	P	T	I	O	N
F	I	R	M	■	N	I	P	■	E	V	A	N
A	R	M	S	■	D	M	E	■	D	Y	K	E

DOWN

1 Spoken
2 Arthur C Clarke book series
3 Take first step getting up? (4,1,3)
4 Alsace assent
5 Capital city of Morocco
6 Norwegian monarch
7 Cause confusion or doubt in; muddle; confound
8 _ __ zed : alpha to omega (1,2)
9 "Hold it!"
10 Sturdy trees
11 Speak with an impediment
17 French cheese
19 Marry
22 US President Joe ___
24 Practical joke
25 Hydrotherapy site
26 Strike ___ : make an important and valuable discovery
27 Open land
28 Pest or irritation
29 Tolkien's tree like creature
30 Fr. holy title
32 Put up
35 Defeat
36 Actress Merkel
38 Small intestine part
39 Business degrees
40 "Air" as prefix
41 Lost a lot of vital fluid?
43 Charitable gifts
45 Egyptian symbol - "neat" anagram?
46 Small bunch of flowers
48 Ind. Admin. Ser.
49 Abu Dhabi locale



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

CYHI EAAIEWL BU KI BUU LZUWB BU SI LAIXB YX

XTWLYXN EXYKULYBF, UW WINYLBIWYXN GWUXNL.

TODAY'S CLUE: U EQUALS O

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Perhaps in time the so-called Dark Ages will be thought of as including our own.

MOVIE LOVERS

NOW SHOWING - SINGLE SCREEN THEATRES

- **Sangam Theatre** — **Ph: 2520494**
  Mission Impossible: Dead Reckoning (E) - 4 Shows
- **Mahadeshwara Theatre** — **Mob: 99008-20093**
  Hatya (2023) (K) - 4 Shows
- **Balaji Theatre** — **Ph: 2497199**
  1920: Horrors of the Heart (H) - 4 Shows
- **Woodlands Theatre** — **Ph: 2422871**
  Bengaluru Boys (K) - 2 Shows
  Rayaru Bandaru Maavana Manege (K) - 2 Shows
- **Gayathri Theatre** — **Ph: 2443568**
  Maamannan (Ta) - 4 Shows
- **Padma Theatre** — **Ph: 2521923**
  Bumper (Ta) - 4 Shows
- **Lido Theatre** — **Ph: 2420885**
  90 Bidi Manig Nadi (K) - 4 Shows
- **Rajkamal Theatre** — **Ph: 2423554**
  Rudrangi (Te) - 4 Shows
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- **Thibbadevi Theatre** — **Ph: 2452958**
  Takkar (Ta) - 4 Shows

DRC CINEMAS — Ph: 4240422, 4241800

Satyaprem Ki Katha (H)	(S-1)	10.00 am
Mission Impossible: Dead Reckoning (E)	(S-1)	12.50 pm, 4.00 pm
		7.10 pm, 10.20 pm
	(S-3)	10.00 am
	(S-4)	9 am, 12.25 pm
		3.40 pm, 6.50 pm
		10.00 pm
Insidious: The Red Door (E)	(S-2)	11.30 am, 1.50 pm
		4.30 pm, 7.20 pm
Maamannan (Ta)	(S-3)	1.20 pm, 7.10 pm
Sri Prasanna Venkatadaasaru (K)	(S-3)	4.30 pm

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Mission Impossible: Dead Reckoning (E)	:	10.30 am, 1.00 pm
		4:15 pm, 7.30 pm, 9 pm
Insidious: The Red Door (E)	:	1.30 pm, 4.15 pm, 6.45 pm
Rayaru Bandaru Maavana Manege (K)	:	1.30 pm, 4.15 pm
Maamannan (Ta)	:	1.45 pm, 4.45 pm, 7.45 pm
Bumper (Ta)	:	7.00 pm

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Mission Impossible: Dead Reckoning (E)	:	8.30 am, 10.15 am, 11 am
		11.30 am, 12 noon, 2.30 pm
		3.30 pm, 5.15 pm, 6 pm
		7 pm, 8.45 pm
		9.40 pm, 10.30 pm
Mission Impossible: Dead Reckoning (H)	:	1.45 pm, 6.10 pm, 9.30 pm
Insidious: The Red Door (E)	:	10.30 am, 1.45 pm, 7.20 pm
Neeyat (H)	:	12 noon
Trailers Screening Show	:	1.00 pm
Spider-man: Across spider-verse (E)	:	2.50 pm
Satyaprem Ki Katha (H)	:	3.00 pm, 9:50 pm
Por Thozhil (Ta)	:	4.15 pm
Maamannan (Ta)	:	5.50 pm
Samajavaragamana (Te)	:	9.05 pm

1st Floor, Garuda Mall. Mob: 9901373210

Mission Impossible: Dead Reckoning (E)	:	8 am, 10.45 am, 11.30 am
		12 noon, 2.15 pm, 3 pm
		5.45 pm, 6.30 pm, 7 pm
		9.15 pm, 10 pm
Insidious: The Red Door (E)	:	10 am, 10.15 pm
Trailers Screening Show	:	12.30 pm
Samajavaragamana (Te)	:	1.15 pm
Sri Prasanna Venkatadaasaru (K)	:	4.15 pm
Satyaprem Ki Katha (H)	:	7.20 pm

Youths ride to Ooty, celebrate Jawa Day

Youths from Mysuru, Hassan and Chikkamagalur celebrated the 21st International Jawa Day by embarking on a biking expedition to Ooty from Mysuru covering Masinagudi and Mayar, recently. Jawa models between 1981 and 1995 featured in the event. Among the bikers who were part of the expedition are Pradeep, Mohan, Hemendra, Sudharshan, Yashwanth, Pruthvi, Balu, Sachin and Harsha.

EVENTS TODAY (JULY 12)

- **Swaralaya Sangeetha Samsthe, Mysuru and Kannada & Culture Department, Bengaluru:** 'Swaralaya Samskrutika Habba-2023,' Vid. Dr. H.S. Tandavamurthy inaugurates, music teacher Vid. Rao R. Sharath chief guest, Swaralaya Founder-President Vidu. Dr. Suma Harinath presides, K.M. Ramya renders Dasara Pada accompanied by Vid. C. Chethan on violin and Vid. V. Shyam on mridanga, disciples of Vidu. Mithra Naveen of Nadavidyalaya will present Bharatanatyam, Bhanu Nischal renders invocation, Swaralaya Secretary H.S. Srikanthamani comperes the programme, Ganabharathi (Veene Seshanna Bhavan), Kuvempunagar, **4.30 pm.** [Mob: 99869-61772]
- **Srikrishna Trust Chaturmasya Samiti:** Pejawar Adhokshaja Mutt Seer Sri Vishwaprasanna Teertha Swamiji's 36th Chaturmasya Vrata, Bhajans, Bhagavata discourse, Ramayana discourse and cultural programmes, Srikrishnadhama, Saraswathipuram, **5 pm to 8 pm.** [Mob: 94482-71837 or 99452-30501]
- **Rotary Ivory City Mysuru:** Lecture on 'Ultrasound of the eye' by Dr. Raksha Urs (Columbia University, USA), Vanitha Sadana School, Krishnamurthypuram, **7 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (JULY 13)

- **Srikrishna Trust Chaturmasya Samiti:** Pejawar Adhokshaja Mutt Seer Sri Vishwaprasanna Teertha Swamiji's 36th Chaturmasya Vrata, Bhajans, Bhagavata discourse, Ramayana discourse and cultural prog., Srikrishnadhama, Saraswathipuram, **5 pm to 8 pm.** [Mob: 94482-71837 or 99452-30501]

- **Chinmaya Mission, Mysuru:** Discourse on 'Pathanjaliya Yoga Sutragalu - Samadhi Pada' by Krishna Rao Prakash, Datta Sannidhi, Yajna Shale, Chinmaya Mission, Gokulam, **6 pm.**
- **Sri Ramakrishna Ashram, Mysuru:** Swami Jnanayoganandaji speaks on 'Bhagavad Gita,' Ashram premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**

INOX LIVE the MOVIE

Mall of Mysore - Mob. : 7829999465

Mission Impossible: Dead Reckoning (E)	(S-1)	8.30 am, 12.00 pm, 3.30 pm,
		7.00 pm, 10.30 pm
	(S-2)	11.00 am, 2.30 pm, 6.00 pm
	(S-4)	9.00 pm
Mission Impossible: Dead Reckoning (H)	(S-3)	6.30 pm, 10.00 pm
Mission Impossible: Dead Reckoning (Te)	(S-2)	9.30 pm
Insidious: Red Door (E)	(S-3)	10.10 am, 4.00 pm
Samajavaragamana!! (Te)	(S-4)	11.10 am
Satyaprem Ki Katha (H)	(S-4)	5.55 pm
Maamannan (Ta)	(S-3)	12.40 pm
Sri Prassana Venkatadaasaru (K)	(S-4)	2.10 pm
Trailer Screening Show	(S-4)	5.15 pm

INOX Centro Mysore - Mob. : 9606976757

Satyaprem Ki Katha (H)	(S-2)	11.45 am, 2.55 pm
		6.05 pm, 9.15 pm
Indiana Jones & Dial of Destiny (E)	(S-3)	12.35 pm, 10.00 pm
Insidious: The Red Door (E)	(S-1)	11 am, 1.30 pm, 4.00 pm
		6.30 pm, 9.00 pm
Sri Prasanna Venkatadaasaru (K)	(S-3)	3.50 pm, 6.55 pm
Nyano Narayanappa (K)	(S-4)	7.05 pm
Dhoomam (K)	(S-4)	12.15 pm, 4.00 pm
Rangabali (K)	(S-4)	9.30 pm
Trailers Screening Show	(S-4)	3.20 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15.

Government urges NHAI for more Expressway signages

RTOs not conducting proper traffic tests to issue licences: Home Minister

Bengaluru, July 12 (KMS& BCT)- Public outcry and political concerns have grown following a string of fatal accidents on the Mysuru-Bengaluru Expressway, prompting calls for immediate action to address safety issues.

According to Karnataka Home Minister Dr. G. Parameshwara, a total of 308 accidents have occurred on the Expressway since its inauguration in March, resulting in 100 deaths and 335 injuries. The State Government — Public Works Department Minister Satish Jarkiholi — has now written to the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) to address the shortcomings and improve safety measures on the problematic stretch.

The Minister was speaking in response to a question raised by BJP legislator Suresh Kumar. The MLA urged immediate action to prevent further accidents. Giving a breakup of the accidents, the Home Minister stated that in March soon after the inaugural, there were 62 accidents in which 20 deaths and 63 injuries were reported, he said.

In April, there were 75 accidents in which 23 died and 83 injured. In May, there were 94 mishaps leading to 29 deaths and 93 injuries and in June there were 77 accidents with 28 deaths and 96 injuries.

The lack of proper signages, streetlights and fencing has raised concerns about the Expressway's high accident rate. Dr. Parameshwara acknowledged that speeding drivers often lose control on the road, leading to tragic consequences.

Four-month accident figures

Month	Accidents	Deaths	Injuries
March	62	20	63
April	75	23	83
May	94	29	93
June	77	28	96
TOTAL	308	100	335

To address these issues, the Government has requested the NHAI to install more signages, improve lighting at junctions, and reinforce fencing along the Expressway to prevent pedestrian access. Some stretches of the road are uneven and are prone to water-logging in the rains. There are many defects with the Expressway, he added.

Dr. Parameshwara further emphasised the need for increased Highway patrolling to monitor speeding vehicles and ensure no obstruction. Additionally, efforts will be made to educate drivers about lane discipline and raise awareness about traffic rules to minimise accidents.

"Steps are being taken to increase Highway patrolling vehicles. If patrolling vehicles are deployed every 30 to 35 km they can keep watch on those speeding and control them, and also they can ensure that vehicles don't park along the stretch," he noted.

Also, steps will be taken to install street lights along the stretch, especially at places where the Expressway connects underpasses, he added. Further noting that many of the motorists don't know traffic rules, the Minister said the RTOs are not conducting traffic regulation tests properly and are issuing licences; the Government is taking measures to correct it.

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